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ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

1955



of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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including the Annual Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Orwig Hughes, M.S.I.A.

BEAUMARIS BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1955.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1955.

During the last year, there has been an appreciable rise in the birth rate. The adjusted figure, 15.6, is almost double the figure for the previous year and compares favourably with the rate for Anglesey and for England & Wales.

There has been a decrease in the death rate and you will note that the figure for Beaumaris is considerably lower than that for the County and for England & Wales.

There were no maternal or infant deaths during the year.

The table giving causes of death (compiled from figures supplied by the Registrar General) shows that the majority of deaths were due to the heart and associated vascular diseases. There were two deaths from tuberculosis, and five new cases were reported during the year. There was complete freedom from whooping cough and diphtheria, due in the main to the national drive towards protective immunisation measures.

The sanitary circumstances have been reported on by your Public Health Inspector, Mr. Orwig Hughes.

I would like to thank you Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council for your interest, and the Town Clerk and Officers of the Council for their cooperation and help. I would also like to thank the Menai Bridge Public Health Inspector for his assistance during the absence of Mr. Hughes.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret M. Lewis.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	3,135
Number of inhabited houses	...	716
Number of council houses,	...	157
Population (Registrar General's estimate, mid. 1955)	...	2,250
Rateable value	...	£15,145
Sum produced by a penny rate	...	£50

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	19	14	33
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>34</u>

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 15.1. Rates for previous years were: 1952, 21.6; 1953, 18.0; 1954, 8.0. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1955 was 15.3; England & Wales, 15.0.

The adjusted Birth Rate for Beaumaris for 1955 was 15.6.

Stillbirths

Nil.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 8.4. Rates for previous years were: 1952, 15.0; 1953, 14.9; 1954, 10.2. The Rate for Anglesey for 1955 was 16.2; England & Wales, 11.7.

The adjusted Death Rate for Beaumaris was 6.6. The adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 13.6.

Maternal Deaths

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

Nil.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

The following table shows the causes of death in the borough. These figures have been supplied by the Registrar-General and are in accordance with the new International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

Causes of Death		M	F
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
2.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1
3.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	0	1
4.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	0
5.	Coronary disease, angina	2	0
6.	Other heart disease	2	2
7.	Influenza	0	1
8.	Other disease of respiratory system	1	0
9.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	0
10.	Congenital malformations	1	0
11.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	3	1
Total		12	7

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

Diseases	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over
Measles	-	-	4	4	2	-	-

Tuberculosis

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows:-

Age	Sex	Respiratory or Non-respiratory
11	M	Respiratory
12	M	Respiratory
18	F	Non-respiratory
22	F	Respiratory
41	M	Non-respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the Borough. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against smallpox

A total of 22 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 5 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1955, 7 such vaccinations were carried out in the Borough.

Diphtheria Immunisation

A total number of 20 children were immunised during the year, of these, 19 were immunised against Whooping Cough.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR, 1955.

Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling houses inspected for nuisances,

a. Number of houses visited...	201
b. Number of inspections ...	365
No. of drains tested with colour, water or smoke.	7
Visits to work in progress ...	371
Interviews with owners or representatives ...	6
Dwelling houses where nuisances abated ...	201
Visits in connection with overcrowding ...	3
Visits in connection with infectious diseases ...	Nil
Visits for disinfection of premises ...	Nil
Visits to premises re vermin ...	Nil
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafés, canteens and hotel kitchens...	9
Visits to ice-cream premises ...	1
Visits to fish-friers premises ...	6
Visits to other food-preparing premises ...	1
Visits re Shops Acts ...	2
Visits to workplaces ...	Nil
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation ...	22
Notices served,	
a. Informal ...	9
b. Statutory...	Nil
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken.	Nil

Infectious Diseases

Number of visits	Nil
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out	Nil

FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers ...	2
Grocers ...	9
Confectioners...	5
Bakeries ...	4
Catering establishments (including cafés, restaurants, hotels)	8
Number of visits to food premises..	9
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene ...	Nil

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

No. of premises registered under Section 14 of Food and Drugs Act, 1938	Nil
Number of new applications	Nil
Number of visits	Nil.

Ice-Cream

Number of registered premises ...	7
Number of new applications ...	Nil
Number of inspections ...	7
Number of contraventions of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952	Nil

Fish-Friers Premises

Number of premises registered	...	3
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	4

Milk

No. of <u>Dairies and Distributors</u> registered under <u>Part III</u> of <u>Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949...</u>	...	4
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits to registered premises.	...	Nil

Slaughterhouses

Number in the Borough	...	1
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Carcasses inspected and condemned.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	10	-	20	7
Number inspected	10	-	20	7
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	-	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	4	-	3	2
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	-	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	Nil	-	Nil	Nil

Weights condemned

Cattle	...	offal	1 cwt 1 qr
Calves	...	-	-
Sheep & Lambs	...	offal	20 lbs
Pigs	...	offal	10 lbs

Knackers Yards

Number registered	Nil
Number visited	Nil

UNSOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouse)

	Quantity	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	lbs
Butchers meat (including offal)	-	-	-	-	-
Other food (including tinned food)	15 tins	-	-	-	23

The Public Slaughtering at the slaughter house has practically ceased, being due to the two local butchers buying their meat from the Farmer's Union Depot at Caernarvon. Emergency slaughtering is still accepted, but owing to the cost of slaughtering the Butchers have not taken on the tenancy.

RODENT CONTROL

Bailing of sewera is done periodically in the upper regions of the Town. Other work of rodent infestations are carried out when occasion demands.

WATER SUPPLY

Number of dwelling-houses supplied by public water mains:-

a. Direct to houses	...	601
b. By means of standpipes	...	15

No. of dwelling-houses dependent on wells for their water. 10

No. of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter Nil

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The position is the same as reported last year. No extensions or improvements have been carried out.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There has been a marked improvement in the refuse collection since the purchase of a joint refuse collector between the Borough and Menai Bridge U.D.C. The modern vehicle being more hygienic than a large covered wagon, which gave frequent cause for complaint as being insanitary.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number registered ... Nil.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act) 201

b. Number of inspections made for the purpose 365

(2) a. No. of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. 68

b. No. of inspections made for the purpose. Nil

(3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 48

(4) No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 20

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices. ... Nil

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... Nil

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. ... Nil

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil

3. (a) (2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

a. By owners	...	5
b. By Local Authority in default of owners.		Nil

Also 48 houses have been scheduled for formal action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but at present, are not proceeded with until more houses are available.

3.(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	...	5
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(2) No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices,

a. By owners	...	Nil
b. By Local Authority in default of owners.		Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..		Nil
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished.		Nil
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(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition.		Nil
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(4) Number of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation.	...	Nil
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(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	...	Nil
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(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	...	Nil
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4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part III. Section 26.

No. of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made.		Nil
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Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year:-

There are a number of dwellings which are overcrowded and action can only be taken when there are more houses available for rehousing. There is a portion of the housing estate land still available for buildings and the Borough Council contemplate a scheme to rehouse in accordance to their commitments under Sections 11 & 26 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	...	3
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- 4.(c) (i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... Nil
(ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases. Nil.
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Keeping of animals	...	Nil
Offensive accumulations	...	3
Sanitary accommodation, insufficient	...	Nil
defective	...	9
Drainage	... reconstruction	Nil
	repaired	7
	cleansed	42
Cesspools and septic tanks abolished	...	Nil
repaired		1
Conversions to w.c.'s	...	Nil
Refuse receptacles	...	7
Food Stores	...	Nil
Water Supplies	...	31
Walls and ceilings	...	17
Floors	...	6
Windows and ventilations	...	9
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	...	4
Staircases	...	Nil
Coppers (defective)	...	Nil
Dampness	...	9
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	31
Yard paving	...	4
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	142

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937.

Premises (1)	Number on Registrations (2)	Number of Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced.	10	6	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies.	-	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found... Nil.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this act.

